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In re Patent Application of

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Title: LOADING-ASSISTING APPARATUS FOR USE WITH CENTRIFUGE

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.